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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during August totaled 1.2 million pounds, up 9 percent from July but 14 percent below the previous year.

There were 1,300 head of **cattle** slaughtered during August, 100 head above July but 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 906 pounds, up 57 pounds from the previous month and 13 pounds above August 2002. Total live weight at 1.2 million pounds, was 17 percent above the previous month but 16 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during August totaled 900 head, up 100 head from July and 200 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 491 pounds, down 7 pounds from July and 11 pounds below a year ago. Total live weight, at 451,000 pounds, was up 9 percent from July and 38 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during August totaled 1,500 head, up 100 head from the previous month but 300 head below August 2002. Average live weight was 212 pounds, up 10 pounds from July but 3 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 311,000 pounds, 13 percent above July but 19 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during August was 100 head, down 100 head from July and the previous year. Live weight averaged 79 pounds, up 7 pounds from the previous month but 7 pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in August 2002.

August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays. August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down 2 percent from August 2002. The average live weight was down 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.2 million pounds and set a new monthly low, 15 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,700 head, down 17 percent from August 2002. The average live weight was 5 pounds above last year, at 294 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.04 million head, 6 percent below August 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 260 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2002 and was a new monthly low. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,200 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2003 commercial red meat production was 31.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year; veal was down slightly; pork was down fractionally from last year; and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Red Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	July		August		Jan - August		August		Jan - August
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
-----Thousand head-----									
Cattle	1.2	1.5	1.3	11.0	9.7	3,212.8	3,134.1	23,968.4	24,234.2
Calves	0.8	0.7	0.9	5.9	6.3	96.1	79.7	666.5	656.1
Hogs	1.4	1.8	1.5	17.4	15.6	8,545.8	8,043.1	65,042.0	64,655.2
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.8	1.3	265.1	241.2	2,159.6	1,954.1
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	991	1,380	1,159	9,549	8,527	4,044,479	3,840,340	29,805,387	29,800,196
Calves	412	328	451	2,938	3,197	27,751	23,460	209,560	209,139
Hogs	275	382	311	3,737	3,272	2,211,899	2,094,310	17,231,101	17,180,864
Sheep & Lambs	12	18	11	164	126	33,381	31,228	289,683	260,216
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	849	893	906	868	879	1,259	1,225	1,244	1,230
Calves	498	502	491	498	507	289	294	315	319
Hogs	202	215	212	215	210	259	260	265	266
Sheep & Lambs	72	86	79	91	97	126	129	134	133
-----Million pounds-----									
Red meat	1.1	1.4	1.2	10.8	9.8	4,139.6	3,912.9	31,146.8	30,972.5

Average Prices Received By Farmers: August 2003

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	September 2002	August 2003	September ¹ 2003	September 2002	August 2003	September ¹ 2003
	-----Dollars-----			-----Dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.63	5.81	6.09	5.39	5.68	6.04
Rice, per cwt	3.90	5.99	6.38	3.94	5.27	5.46
Upland Cotton, per pound	.289	.461	2/ .478	.352	.463	2/ .485
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	93.00	85.30	84.20
Beef Cattle, per cwt	46.70	55.40	57.20	64.50	79.90	84.00
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	68.70	80.50	83.00	67.80	83.50	88.20
Cows, per cwt	33.70	40.70	42.00	34.90	44.60	46.00
Calves, per cwt	81.90	92.60	96.00	92.40	107.00	106.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.290	.360	.360
Eggs, all, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.571	.815	.761
Milk, all, per cwt ³	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.60	13.20	14.00

¹ Mid-month;

² Based on sales during the first half of the month;

³ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available

Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by farmers in September is 109, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the August index. Since last month, a higher Livestock and Products Index more than offset a lower All Crops Index. Higher commodity prices for cattle, lettuce, dairy and broccoli more than offset lower prices for tomatoes, eggs, potatoes and grapes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, peanuts, corn and apples more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11.2 percent from September 2002. Higher prices for cattle, hogs, broilers and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes and hay.

The Food Commodities Index also increased 0.9 percent above last month to 111, and is 16.8 percent above September last year.

Prices Paid Index Up

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates is 128 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1.0 percent from August and 2.0 percent above September 2002. Higher prices in September for feeder cattle, gasoline, nitrogen fertilizers and feeder pigs more a offset lower prices for complete feeds, feed concentrates, feed grains and feed supplements.

Grain Stocks: United States and Louisiana, Sept 1, 2002-2003

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	September 1		September 1	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn (Old Crop)				
On Farm			586,800	484,900
Off Farm²	<u>1,623</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,009,626</u>	<u>600,869</u>
Total			1,596,426	1,085,769
Sorghum (Old Crop)				
On Farm			7,400	4,500
Off Farm²	<u>1,173</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>53,573</u>	<u>38,049</u>
Total			60,973	42,549
Soybeans (Old Crop)				
On Farm			62,700	58,000
Off Farm²	<u>2,639</u>	<u>3,348</u>	<u>145,320</u>	<u>111,431</u>
Total			208,020	169,431
All Wheat				
On Farm			580,200	689,970
Off Farm²	<u>12,785</u>	<u>12,051</u>	<u>1,170,787</u>	<u>1,345,635</u>
Total			1,750,987	2,035,605

¹ Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Total off-farm soybean stocks were estimated at 3.35 million bushels, up 27 percent from a year ago. Off-farm holdings of corn totaled 1.14 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2002. All wheat off-farm stocks totaled 12.1 million bushels, compared to 12.8 million bushels in 2002.

United States Grain Stocks

Old crop **corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 1.09 billion bushels, down 32 percent from September 1, 2002. Of the total stocks, 485 million bushels are stored on farms, down 17 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 601 billion bushels, are down 40 percent from the previous year. The June-August 2003 indicated disappearance is 1.90 billion bushels, compared with 2.00 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop **soybeans** stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 169 million bushels, down 19 percent from September 1, 2002. On-farm stocks totaled 58.0 million bushels, down 7 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 111 million bushels, are down 23 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance for June-August 2003 totaled 433 million bushels, down 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The 2002 soybean production was revised to 2.75 billion bushels up 19.6 million bushels from the previous estimate. Planted and harvested areas are increased 165,000 acres and 277,000 acres to 73.9 and 72.4 million acres, respectively. The 2002 yield, at 38.0 bushels per acre, is increased 0.2 bushel from the previous estimate. ***A state table with the revised acreage, yield, and production estimates is included on page 4.*** Revisions are made based on an analysis of end of marketing year stock estimates, disappearance data for exports and crushings, and farm program administrative data.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 2.04 billion bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 690 million bushels, up 19 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.35 billion bushels, are up 15 percent from a year ago. The June-August 2003 indicated disappearance is 792 million bushels, up 23 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by state and United States, 2002¹

State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
AL	170	155	24.0	3,720
AR	2,950	2,880	33.5	96,480
DE	190	185	25.0	4,625
FL	10	9	33.0	297
GA	160	140	21.0	2,940
IL	10,600	10,550	43.0	453,650
IN	5,800	5,770	41.5	239,455
IA	10,450	10,400	48.0	499,200
KS	2,750	2,540	23.0	58,420
KY	1,290	1,260	33.0	41,580
LA	800	660	32.0	21,120
MD	490	470	23.0	10,810
MI	2,050	2,040	38.5	78,540
MN	7,200	7,100	43.5	308,850
MS	1,440	1,370	32.0	43,840
MO	5,050	5,000	34.0	170,000
NE	4,700	4,580	38.5	176,330
NJ	100	97	23.0	2,231
NY	145	144	32.0	4,608
NC	1,370	1,290	24.0	30,960
ND	2,670	2,630	33.0	86,790
OH	4,750	4,720	31.0	146,320
OK	270	250	26.0	6,500
PA	405	390	26.0	10,140
SC	435	415	17.0	7,055
SD	4,250	4,090	31.0	126,790
TN	1,160	1,120	31.0	34,720
TX	230	205	28.0	5,740
VA	480	440	23.0	10,120
WV	18	17	37.0	629
WI	1,540	1,520	44.0	66,880
US	73,923	72,437	38.0	2,749,340

¹Revised.

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